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**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Our Ref: 010408.52553US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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**Joachim Chemnitz**

entitled: **METHOD FOR THE FUEL-OPTIMIZED SELECTION OF A  
THRUSTER CONFIGURATION**

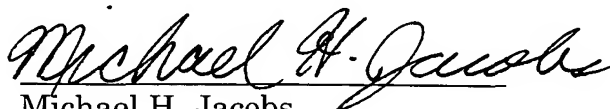
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 6 claims (pages 13).
2. Application Data Sheet
3. Preliminary Amendment, including substitute specification and marked-up copy thereof.
4. Certified copy of Priority Document 102 36 570.9 filed in Germany on August 8, 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55.
5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee						\$375/750	=	\$750.00
Total Claims	<u>20</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$9/18	= \$
Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$42/84	= \$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented						\$140/280	=	\$
Total Filing Fee								<u>\$750.00</u>

One check in the amount of \$750.00 for the filing fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 010408.52554US). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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